

Rutherford County Schools

Health & Education Report

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

2014/15 General Purpose School Budget Amendments

1. Certified Staff - This amendment re-allocates \$106,516 in already budgeted staff and the related \$8,379 in benefits. No new positions are involved. The amendment covers 2 vacation payouts, an additional 37 days for the retired vocational ed coordinator, reallocates the vacant vocational clerk's salary to the CTE Specialist position which began last year, and covers other changes caused by staff turnover.

Recommended motion to -- amend \$106,516 in already budgeted staff and the related \$8,379 in benefits for a total of \$114,895 in already budgeted certified staff and the related benefits as presented.

2. Insurance - This amendment re-allocates \$465,223 in already budgeted medical insurance, life insurance, and long-term disability insurance based on staff the Board of Education now has in place after the 2015 re-enrollment. No new funds are being used.

Recommended motion to -- amend a total of \$465,223 in already budgeted medical insurance, life insurance, and long-term disability insurance as presented.

3. Vocational materials and Supplies - This amendment re-allocates \$70,004 in already budgeted vocational materials and supplies to the line items where the funds are needed this year. No new funds are being used. \$68,364 is for the major function 71300, Vocational Ed, and \$1,640 for 72230, Vocational Ed. Program.

Recommended motion to -- amend a total of \$70,004 for vocational materials and supplies to the line items where the funds are needed this year as presented.

4. GPS Budget Amendment for Technology - The big unfunded mandate in the 2015/16 General Schools Budget is \$3,148,730 to upgrade existing computer labs, add new computer labs, and purchase laptop carts so that we will be able to handle on-line testing next year. This amendment takes \$1,000,000 of the growth local sales tax revenue and budgets it for \$1,000,000 in instruction equipment so that the technology department can start ordering and installing equipment in May.

Recommended motion -- to amend an additional \$1,000,000 in local option sales tax revenue and to increase the budgeted expenditures for instructional equipment, account 71100-722, by \$1,000,000 and to reduce the 2015/16 General Purpose School budget request for technology by the same \$1,000,000 contingent on County Commission approval of this amendment.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHOOL INITIATIVE LOAN AGREEMENT

The Engineering and Construction Department has received approval for \$678,384 in energy efficient projects from Mr. Paul Cross at the Energy Efficiency School Initiative Commission. The loan for these projects will be at 0.75 per cent with a four-year payment schedule. The projects that the loan covers are as follows:

1. Installation of boiler load monitoring controls, Delta Controls Building Automation Controls, and temperature sensor retrofits for appliances at Rock Springs Middle School.
2. Installation of boiler load monitoring controls, Delta Controls Building Automation Controls, and temperature sensor retrofits for appliances at Smyrna High Schools.
3. Installation of temperature sensor controls for appliances and retrofits of exterior wall pack lighting with LED kits at Stewarts Creek Middle School.
4. Installation of boiler load monitoring controls, Delta Controls Building Automation Controls, and temperature sensor retrofits for appliances at LaVergne High School.
5. Installation of boiler load monitoring controls, Delta Controls Building Automation Controls, and temperature sensor retrofits for appliances, Control System Commissioning and Utility Monitoring Systems at Riverdale and Oakland High schools.
6. Installation of LED exterior security lighting and installation of Delta Controls Building Automation Systems at Blackman High School.
7. Installation of boiler load monitoring controls at Blackman Middle School.
8. Engineering and commissioning costs as required.

Repayment will begin once all projects are complete and funds dispersed. The loan repayment will come from cost savings that are generated by these energy efficient projects. The proposed 2014/15 General Purpose School Budget includes three months of interest and principal payments for this loan. This loan will replace the loan for the light sensor project the Board will be paid off next year so there will be a minimal effect on budgeted debt service.

Recommend Approval --- motion to approve the Energy Efficiency School Initiative Loan Agreement in the amount of \$678,384.00 with a payback period of four years at 0.75 percent interest as presented.

Mr. Odom will pass out copies of the 2015/16 General Purpose School Budget as presented to the School Board on April 21.